1	2	3	4	5
4.	Hydro-generation potential (Mega Watt at 60% Load Factor)			
	(i) Total potential	26756	1176	1070
	(ii) Potential developed	8.33	73.17	121.67

(c) Yes, Sir. In addition to plan allocations Central Loan Assistance of Rs. 4.30 crores has been provided for Khuga Irrigation Project of Manipur during 1996-97 under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme. No Central assistance is provided for Hydro-Projects in the State-sector.

[Translation]

Cooking Gas Bottling Plants

1785. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the ratio of the cooking gas bottling plants in Gujarat is minimum as compared with the population of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to set up new bottling plants in Gujarat; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir. At present there are 91 LPG bottling plants operating in the country with total bottling capacity of 3457 TMTPA. Out of these, following six bottling plants are operating in the State of Gujarat.

Location	Capacity (TMTPA)
Rajkot	44
Hazira	44
Koyali	102
Surat	12
Gandhinagar	26
Ahmedabad	34
Total	262

In addition to the above, one bottling plant with a capacity of 66 TMTPA has been commissioned recently at Ahmedabad.

(b) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) In addition to the bottling plants as mentioned in (a) above, IOC is setting up a bottling plant at Gandhar with a bottling capacity of 68 TMTPA against part resitement of Koyali bottling plant and one LPG bottling plant at Bhavnagar with a capacity of 44 TMTPA, under VIII Plan.

[English]

Airports in North-East

1786. SHRI DWARAKA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to make Guwahati Airport as the "Hub" of air service for entire North-East;

(b) if so, when and the details thereof;

(c) whether Silchar Airport is likely to be augmented soon facilitating landing and take-off flights; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Guwahati is planned to be made a regional hub for the North-East. Upgradation of facilities at Guwahati Airport is an ongoing process.

(c) and (d) Airports Authority of India has already initiated action to replace the existing Very high frequency Omni Range (VOR) by Doppler Very high frequency Omni Range (DVOR) colocated with Distance Measuring Equipment (DME) at a cost of Rs. 101.26 lakhs. The work is likely to be completed by November, 1997.

Telugu Ganga Project

1787. SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Water Commission refused to give hydrological clearance for prestigious multi-purpose Telugu Ganga Project;

(b) the main reasons to put forward by the Union Government;

(c) the steps taken by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to meet the need of the Union Government for its approval; and

(d) the time proposed to be taken by the State Government to get the projects cleared after its due clarification from the Union Government?